



Lee (left) signing on a poster at the dinner. With him are (from right) Dr Wee, Liow and Khairy.



Goh leads the way with Chan behind her as they are greeted by guests on arriving at a dinner.



Khairy (eighth from right), Liow (ninth from right) and Dr Wee (10th from right) with MCA leaders, the Olympic athletes and their coaches at the event.

Evening to remember for Olympic athletes

MCA honours them for their achievements in Rio games with cash incentives, gifts and a good time

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IT WAS a fun-filled night of appreciation for all Malaysian Olympic athletes as they were treated to good food, cash incentives and gifts.

At the dinner hosted by MCA on Wednesday night, the Olympic medallists received RM20,000 cash and a trophy each while the other athletes got a plaque as a form of encouragement for them.

On top of this, the silver medallists also get to fly on AirAsia for free in the next five years, an initiative made by MCA president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai, who is also Transport Minister, to get the carrier as a sponsor.

"The bronze medallist will get free tickets for three years and two free tickets for each of the other Olympic athletes," he announced at the event to celebrate the country's biggest achievement at the Olympic Games.

Malaysia bagged four silver medallists — thanks to shuttlers Datuk Lee Chong Wei (men's singles), Tan Wee Kiong-Goh V Shem pair (men's doubles) and Chan Peng Soon-Goh Liu Ying pair (mixed double) as well as divers Pandeleta Rinong and Cheong Jun Hoong (women's synchronised 10m platform) while Azizulhasni Awang won the bronze medal in the men's keirin cycling event.

Congratulating them on their success, Liow said in his speech that athletes not only made a name for

the country, they also brought the people together through sports.

"I have also watched the games with my constituents (in Bentong) and all races cheered for our athletes."

"This is our strength, the spirit of unity of all Malaysians," he added.

Also present were MCA deputy president Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong, vice-presidents Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun, Datuk Lee Chee Leong and Datuk Dr Hou Kok Chung, Wanita chairman Datuk Heng Seai Kie, Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin, Malaysian chef-de-mission to the Olympics Tan Sri Mohamed Al Amin Abdul Majid, the coaches and family members of the athletes.



The Olympic medallists (from left) Azizulhasni, Cheong, Pandeleta, Lee, Goh, Chann, Go and Tan with their coaches and other Olympic athletes.